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Memorandum for : Director, FBIS
Through : Chief, Operations Group
Subject : Monthly Report--Gulf Bureau--January 1982

I. GENERAL

January saw a flurry of visits back and forth to and from Bahrain and other Gulf states in the wake of the December Iranian-inspired coup conspiracy. Basically, the visits, and resulting press statements, interviews and so forth, all tended to underscore the emerging line that the Gulf states are responsible for their own security, are equipped to handle their security needs, and most of all, do not need outside assistance, particularly from the superpowers.

In connection with all this attention on security the embassy and tenant agencies reviewed and brought up to date E&E procedures during the month. All Embassy and FBIS-sponsored employees are included in the planning.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. The bureau's study of Tehran international broadcasts was completed and our conclusions/observations wirefiled to AG, BBC and other area bureaus. BBC expressed great appreciation for the "magnum opus" and declared its intention to publish "large swatches" of it. AG also expressed thanks and called it exactly what was wanted.

2. A three-day reception check of Voice of America Persian and Dari broadcasts was carried out 16-18 January in response to a VOA request forwarded by FCS. Although nothing that could be construed as Soviet jamming was encountered, reception observations were of interest to the requesting office, according to a followup message from FCS.

3. Bahraini media continue to provide details of the Iranian-inspired coup attempt. Media coverage had diminished by month's end, but the Bahraini prime minister in a major interview on 14 January placed full blame for the attempt on Iran. Arab support for Bahrain in the wake of the incident was expressed by a number of visitors including the Jordanian interior minister and later King Husayn himself, the secretary general of the Gulf Cooperation Council and the Arab League secretary general. Although

many observers expected a joint defense pact aimed at Iran to emerge from the GCC defense ministers meeting in Riyadh on 25 January, the decisions made have not yet been revealed publicly.

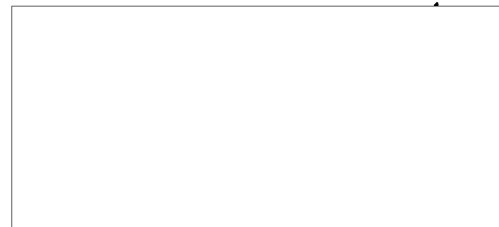
4. The bureau drastically reduced the number of Kuwaiti newspapers being supplied by mail to AG. From AL-ANBA', AL-QABAS, AR-RA'Y AL-'AMM, AS-SIYASAH and AL-'ARABI, the list has now been cut at AG's request to only AL-'ARABI.

5. Tehran International Service in Pashto has been added to regular coverage five days a week.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

The Bahraini Government has issued instructions to employers in the country, including diplomatic missions, that various categories of employees (Bahraini, non-Bahraini) must be enrolled in certain insurance schemes. In our case, our employees must be enrolled in an industrial accident insurance plan. The cost of the insurance is borne by the employer. We are currently awaiting further details from the embassy on precisely what the benefits are and what will be the ultimate cost to the bureau.



Bureau Chief

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Attachment A

ENGINEERING REPORT--GULF BUREAU MONTHLY REPORT FOR JANUARY 1982

Equipment received: Telewriter, Creed mdl 444/R sn 11123.

Equipment transferred: None

Projects: None

GULF BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR JANUARY 1982

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	205,430
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	143,150
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	561

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	11,165	6,510	149 issues
III. <u>OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:</u> (publishable words per month)			

AFGHANISTAN

Kabul in English to South Asia	0
Kabul in Urdu to South Asia	1,310

BAHRAIN

Manama Domestic Service in Arabic	3,830	
Manama Domestic Service in English	230	
Manama Domestic Television Service in Arabic	2,360	
Manama WAKH in Arabic		27,680
Manama GULF NEWS AGENCY in English		0
Manama AKBAR AL-KHALIJ in Arabic		4,240
Manama AL-ADWA in Arabic		710
Manama GULF DAILY NEWS in English		690
Manama GULF MIRROR in English		380
Manama SADA AL-USBU in Arabic		0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
<u>CHINA</u>			
Beijing in Urdu to India and Pakistan	0		
<u>CLANDESTINE (Iran and Iraq)</u>			
(Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Azeri to Iran	200		
(Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran	8,820		
(Clandestine) Radio Iran in Persian to Iran	3,270		
(Clandestine) Voice of Iran in Persian	610		
(Clandestine) Ahvaz Voice of Al-Qadisiyah in Arabic	480		
(Clandestine) Voice of Iraqi Islamic Revolution in Arabic	0		
<u>IRAN</u>			
Tehran International Service in Arabic	13,760		
Tehran International Service in Russian	0		
Tehran International Service in Turkish	5,840		
Tehran International Service in Urdu	840		
Zahedan International Service in Urdu	320		
Tehran Domestic Service in Persian	990		
Tehran Domestic Service in Pashto	570		
Abadan Domestic Television Service in Persian	0		
Tehran Domestic Television Service in Persian	0		
Abadan NIOC Radio in Arabic	430		
Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian	550		
Mashhad Domestic Service in Persian	2,110		
Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian	2,540		
Tehran IRNA in English		2,510	

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
<u>IRAQ</u>			
Baghdad International Service in Azeri	3,760		
Baghdad Domestic Service in Arabic	0		
<u>KUWAIT</u>			
Kuwait AL-ANBA' in Arabic			8,040
Kuwait AL-QABAS in Arabic			3,920
Kuwait AR-RA'Y AL-'AMM in Arabic			4,390
Kuwait ARAB TIMES in English			420
Kuwait AS-SIYASAH in Arabic			10,430
Kuwait AL-WATAN in Arabic			2,690
<u>OMAN</u>			
Muscat Domestic Service in Arabic	0		
Salalah Domestic Service in Arabic	620		
Muscat TIMES OF OMAN in English			1,080
<u>PAKISTAN</u>			
Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu	0		
Karachi DAWN in English			4,750
Karachi JANG in Urdu			370
Karachi JASARAT in Urdu			2,540
Karachi MASHRIQ in Urdu			650
Lahore NAWA-E WAQT in Urdu			970

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
<u>QATAR</u>			
Doha Domestic Service in Arabic	1,980		
Doha QNA in Arabic		12,630	
Doha AR-RAYAH in Arabic			540
<u>SAUDI ARABIA</u>			
Riyadh Domestic Television Service in Arabic	2,300		
Riyadh Domestic Television Service in English	0		
Ad-Dammam AL-YAWM in Arabic			0
Jidda AL-BILAD in Arabic			0
Jidda AL-MADINAH in Arabic			2,580
<u>UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS</u>			
Moscow in Dari to Afghanistan	0		
Moscow in Persian to Iran	3,490		
Moscow in Urdu to India	0		
Moscow in Urdu to Pakistan	620		
Baku International Service in Azeri	3,190		
Tashkent International Service in Uzbek	7,740		
Yerevan International Service in Armenian	4,260		
Ashkabad Domestic Service in Russian	3,760		
Baku Domestic Service in Russian	0		
Tashkent Domestic Service in Russian	3,840		
Yerevan Domestic Service in Armenian	1,140		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
<u>UNITED ARAB EMIRATES</u>			
Abu Dhabi Domestic Service in Arabic	3,000		
Dubayy Domestic Service in Arabic	0		
Abu Dhabi WAM in Arabic		3,240	
Abu Dhabi AL-FAJR in Arabic			0
Abu Dhabi AL-ITTIHAD in Arabic			710
Abu Dhabi AL-ITTIHAD AL-USBU'I in Arabic			0
Ash-Shariqah AL-KHALIJ in Arabic			16,030
Dubayy AL-BAYAN in Arabic			1,100
Dubayy KHALEEJ TIMES in English			3,380